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* The text of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Council during 1979 will be issued in a supplement and the Official Records of the Economic and Social Council.

Decision 1979/1. Basic programme of work of the Council for 1979 and 1980

1. At its 2nd meeting on 9 February 1979, the Council, having examined the draft basic programme of work for 1979 and 1980 submitted by the Secretariat, 1/ approved the following basic programme of work for 1979 and 1980.

A

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1979

1. Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

2. Non-governmental organizations

3. Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

4. Human rights questions

5. Measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of all migrant workers

6. Social development questions

7. Activities for the advancement of women; United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

8. Narcotic drugs

9. Statistical questions

10. Population questions

11. Transport of dangerous goods

12. Multilateral emergency assistance

13. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

14. Medium-term plan for the period 1980-1983

15. Establishment of an Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

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1/ E/1979/1 and Add.1.

B

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1979

1. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

2. Assistance to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique and Zambia

3. Assistance in emergency situations

4. Assistance to South African student refugees

5. Regional co-operation

6. International co-operation in the field of human settlements

7. Transnational corporations

8. Science and technology for development

9. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

10. Operational activities

11. Food problems

12. International co-operation on the environment

13. Natural resources

14. Restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system

15. Industrial development co-operation

16. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

17. Co-operation and co-ordination within the United Nations system

18. Draft programme budget for the biennium 1980-1981

19. Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system

20. Implementation of the medium-term and long-term recovery and rehabilitation programme in the Sudano-Sahelian region

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21. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Preparatory Committee for the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980 2/

22. Report of the Trade and Development Board 2/

23. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Human Rights Committee 2/

24. Report of the World Food Council 2/

25. United Nations University 2/

C

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1980

1. Decade for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

2. Implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

3. Human rights questions

4. Narcotic drugs

5. Activities for the advancement of women; United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace

6. Social development questions

7. Science and technology

8. Public administration and finance

9. Tax treaties between developed and developing countries

10. Regional cartography conferences

D

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1980

1. General discussion of international economic and social policy, including regional and sectoral developments

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2/ Item to be considered at the resumed second regular session, 1979.

2. Regional co-operation

3. Land reform

4. International co-operation in the field of human settlements

5. Transport and Communications Decade in Africa

6. Food problems

7. International co-operation on the environment

8. Transnational corporations

9. Industrial development co-operation

10. International co-operation within the United Nations system

11. Marine affairs

12. Medium-term plan for the period 1982-1985

13. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

14. Assistance to the oppressed people of South Africa and their national liberation movement by agencies and institutions within the United Nations system

15. Comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development

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16. Report of the Trade and Development Board 3/

17. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights: report of the Human Rights Committee 3/

18. Report of the Council of the United Nations University 3/

2. The Council decided to discontinue the submission to it of the reports of the regional commissions. The reports would be transmitted directly to all Member States and the Secretary-General would revise the format and content of the report on the meeting of the executive secretaries in order that it should highlight developments within each region and draw the Council's attention to specific issues requiring its consideration. The report would also bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the commissions that statutorily required approval by the Council.

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3/ Item to be considered at the resumed second regular session, 1980.

3. The Council, subject to any further arrangements which might be agreed upon for the organization of its sessions, also decided:

(a) At the first regular session, 1979, to consider items 1, 2 and 12 in plenary meetings; item 3 in a sessional working group; items 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Second (Social) Committee; items 9, 10 and 11 in the First (Economic) Committee; and item 14 in a sessional ad hoc working group;

(b) At the second regular session, 1979, to consider items 1, 2, 3 and 4 in plenary meetings; items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 in the First (Economic) Committee; and items 10, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee.

(c) To review at the outset of each regular session in 1979, in the light of its annotated agenda, the documentation that would be submitted to the General Assembly through the Council, with a view to deciding which documents should be transmitted without debate, to dispense when appropriate with the practice of introducing them twice and to avoid a repetition of their discussion, thus enhancing the effectiveness of its work.

4. The Council, in pursuance of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-third session indicated below, decided to take the following action:

(a) To refer to the Commission on Human Settlements at its second session General Assembly resolution 33/111 on international co-operation in the field of human settlements;

(b) To refer to the Commission for Social Development at its twenty-sixth session resolutions 33/6 on channels of communication with youth and youth organizations and 33/48 on world social development;

(c) To refer to the Commission on Human Rights at its thirty-fifth session resolutions 33/23 on adverse consequences for the enjoyment of human rights of political, military, economic and other forms of assistance given to colonial and racist régimes in southern Africa; 33/46 on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights; 33/53 on human rights and scientific and technological development; 33/54 on review and co-ordination of human rights programmes of organizations in the United Nations system and co-operation with other international programmes in the field of human rights; 33/104 on alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the creation of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; 33/105 on alternative approaches and ways and means within the United Nations system for promoting the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the creation of a post of United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; 33/106 on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance; 33/163 on measures to improve the situation and ensure the human rights and dignity of migrant workers; 33/166 on the question of a convention on the rights of the child; 33/171 on the United Nations Yearbook on Human Rights; 33/175 on the protection of human rights in Chile; 33/176 on the importance of the experience of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Situation of Human Rights in Chile; and 33/178 on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment;

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(d) To refer to the Commission on Human Rights resolution 33/173 on disappeared persons;

(e) To refer to the Committee for Development Planning at its fifteenth session resolutions 33/48 on world social development; 33/193 on preparations for the new international development strategy for the third United Nations development decade; and 33/200 on effective mobilization and integration of women in development.

Decision 1979/2. Calendar of conferences and meetings for 1979

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 1979, the Council decided that during its first regular session, 1979, two of its meetings each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, would be allocated to some of the meetings listed below.

2. The Council further decided:

(a) That the third special session of the Committee on Natural Resources would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 26 to 30 March 1979;

(b) That the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 2 to 13 April 1979;

(c) That the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 23 April to 4 May 1979 (instead of from 7 to 18 May 1979);

(d) That the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the New International Development Strategy would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 11 to 22 June 1979;

(e) To schedule a fifth session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development at United Nations Headquarters from 25 June to 6 July 1979;

(f) That the Committee on an International Agreement on Illicit Payments would meet, at United Nations Headquarters, from 7 to 18 May 1979 (instead of from 26 March to 6 April 1979);

(g) That the fifth session of the Committee on Review and Appraisal, scheduled to be held from 14 May to 1 June 1979, would not take place.

3. The Council also decided that the week of 16 to 20 April 1979 should be devoted to the informal consultations envisaged in paragraph 2 of resolution 6 (III), adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Science and Technology for Development at its third session. 4/

Decision 1979/3. Preparation of documents relating to General Assembly resolution 33/194 on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources

At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 1979, the Council, considering the need for documents relevant to General Assembly resolution 33/194 of 20 January 1979, on multilateral development assistance for the exploration of natural resources, decided:

(a) To request the Secretary-General to prepare a report that would facilitate compliance by the Economic and Social Council with the request in paragraph 4 of resolution 33/194;

(b) To invite the World Bank to submit to the Council, at its second regular session, 1979, a study prepared in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of General Assembly resolution 33/194;

(c) To consider the reports mentioned in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above at its second regular session, 1979.

Decision 1979/4. World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980

At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 1979, the Council decided to hold the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, at Copenhagen from 14 to 30 July 1980, as proposed by the Government of Denmark.

Decision 1979/5. Effects of the provisional agenda of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980 on the programme of work of the Council and of the Commission on the Status of Women

At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 1979, the Council decided that the note by the Secretariat entitled "Effects of the provisional agenda of the World Conference of the United Nations Decade for Women, 1980, on the programme of work of the Council and of the Commission on the Status of Women", 5/ revised to take account of the discussions at its organizational session for 1979 and the appointment by the Secretary-General of the Secretary-General of the Conference, should be transmitted to the Council at its first regular session, 1979, to be considered in the context of item 7 of the programme of work, entitled "Activities for the advancement of women; United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace".

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4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 43, (A/34/43), annex I.

5/ E/1979/6.

Decision 1979/6. Documentation for the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its nineteenth session

At its 2nd meeting, on 8 February 1979, the Council took note of the note by the Secretariat 6/ on documentation for the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its nineteenth session.

Decision 1979/7. Reinforcing the social development sector within the United Nations

At its 2nd meeting, on 8 February 1979, the Council decided:

(a) To consider at its first regular session, 1979, in plenary meetings, the question of the establishment of an *ad hoc* working group pursuant to Council resolution 2079 (LXII) of 13 May 1977; and

(b) To draw this decision to the attention of the Commission for Social Development, for its information, with the request that the Commission comment upon it in the light of recent developments, in particular those relating to the restructuring of the economic and social sectors of the United Nations system and the preparations for a new international development strategy.

Decision 1979/8. Membership of subsidiary bodies of the Council: elections and confirmations

1. At its 2nd meeting, on 8 February 1979, the Council took the following action with respect to vacancies on subsidiary and related bodies of the Council:

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

In the absence of candidates, the Council decided to postpone to its first regular session, 1979, the election of one member from African States for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1982.

COMMITTEE ON NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

The Council elected Pakistan for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1982.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

In the absence of candidates, the Council decided to postpone to its first regular session, 1979, the election of two members from Asian States for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1982.

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COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT

In the absence of candidates, the Council decided to postpone to its first regular session, 1979, the election of one member from Asian States for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1982.

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

In the absence of candidates, the Council decided to postpone the election of two members from Asian States for a term of office beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1980.

INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD

The candidature of Dr. V. V. Olguín (Argentina) having been withdrawn, the Council elected General Sami Assaad Farag (Egypt) to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. Ahmed Wagdi Sadek (Egypt) for the remainder of his term, expiring on 1 March 1980. 7/

2. The Council confirmed the appointment of the following representatives of members of functional commissions or sub-commissions of the Council nominated by their Governments: 8/

STATISTICAL COMMISSION

Peter Gilbert Kirkham (Canada)

Gamal Askar (Egypt)

Arthur John Boreham (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)

POPULATION COMMISSION

Nelson Ramírez-Madera (Dominican Republic)

Gustavo Cabrera Acevedo (Mexico)

Vira Soatanonda (Thailand)

P. K. Kayiso (Uganda)

R. M. Dmitrieva (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)

Kalupala Lukangu (Zaire)

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7/ See E/1979/5.

8/ See E/1979/3 and Add.1.

COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Tormod Hermansen (Norway)

Ioan Voicu (Romania)

Ousmane Kane (Senegal)

Tanouda Boukli (Togo)

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

Ivan Garvalov (Bulgaria)

Térence Ntahnte (Burundi)

Joseph Charles Léonard Beaulne (Canada)

Hector Charry Samper (Colombia)

Gerhard Jahn (Germany, Federal Republic of)

Mohammed Nedha Al-Jabiri (Iraq)

Ehuy Amara (Ivory Coast)

Waleed M. Sadi (Jordan)

Tseliso Thamae (Lesotho)

Edimo Rios (Panama)

Luis Chávez Godoy (Peru)

Angelo Vidal d'Almeida Ribeiro (Portugal)

Ivan Toševski (Yugoslavia)

SUB-COMMISSION ON ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC AND RELATED MATTERS IN THE NEAR AND MIDDLE EAST

Lars Hulstrand (Sweden)

Decision 1979/9. Provisional agenda for the first regular session, 1979

At its 2nd meeting, on 9 February 1979, the Council approved the draft provisional agenda for its first regular session, 1979, 9/ with the addition of an item entitled "Establishment of an Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting" (agenda item 17).

9/ E/1979/L.5.